Tom Hood Bio

Tom Hood is passionate about four areas, leadership, learning, technology and collaboration.

Tom has been ranked #2 Most Influential People in Accounting in Accounting Today's Top 100 Most Influential People list twelve times. He was also named to the CPA Practice Advisor Accounting Hall of Fame in 2015.Accounting Today's 2015 Top 100 Most Influential People writes, "Hood's greatest attribute isn't that he consistently glimpses the future more quickly than the rest of us (though he does). It's that he's able to bring it back to the present and serve as its tireless, inspiring and effective champion."

Tom believes these four areas are critical ingredients to helping organizations "shape their future" and thrive in this period of rapid change and increasing complexity. He helps accounting and finance professionals be more 'future ready' through his work at the Maryland Association of CPAs and the Business Learning Institute, a center for the development of leadership, strategic thinking, and collaboration skills. Tom and his team have run structured collaboration for the AICPA Major Firms Group (Top 100 CPA firms), the AICPA Leadership Academy and the Maryland Competitiveness Coalition. Tom and his team have lead over 100 strategic planning sessions for the top CPA firms all over the US, along with corporations and non-profits.